

REMARKS

Before the preliminary amendment, claims 1-6, 8-15, 17-25 and 27-28 were pending in the above-mentioned patent application.

Through this preliminary amendment, claims 1-4, 8-14, 18-24 and 28 are amended. Claims 15, 17, 25 and 27 are canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-14, 18-24 and 28 remain currently pending in the above-mentioned patent application. No new matter has been added and the claim amendments are supported by the originally filed specification. Examination, consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration, re-examination, and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may help further the examination of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney or his associates at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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